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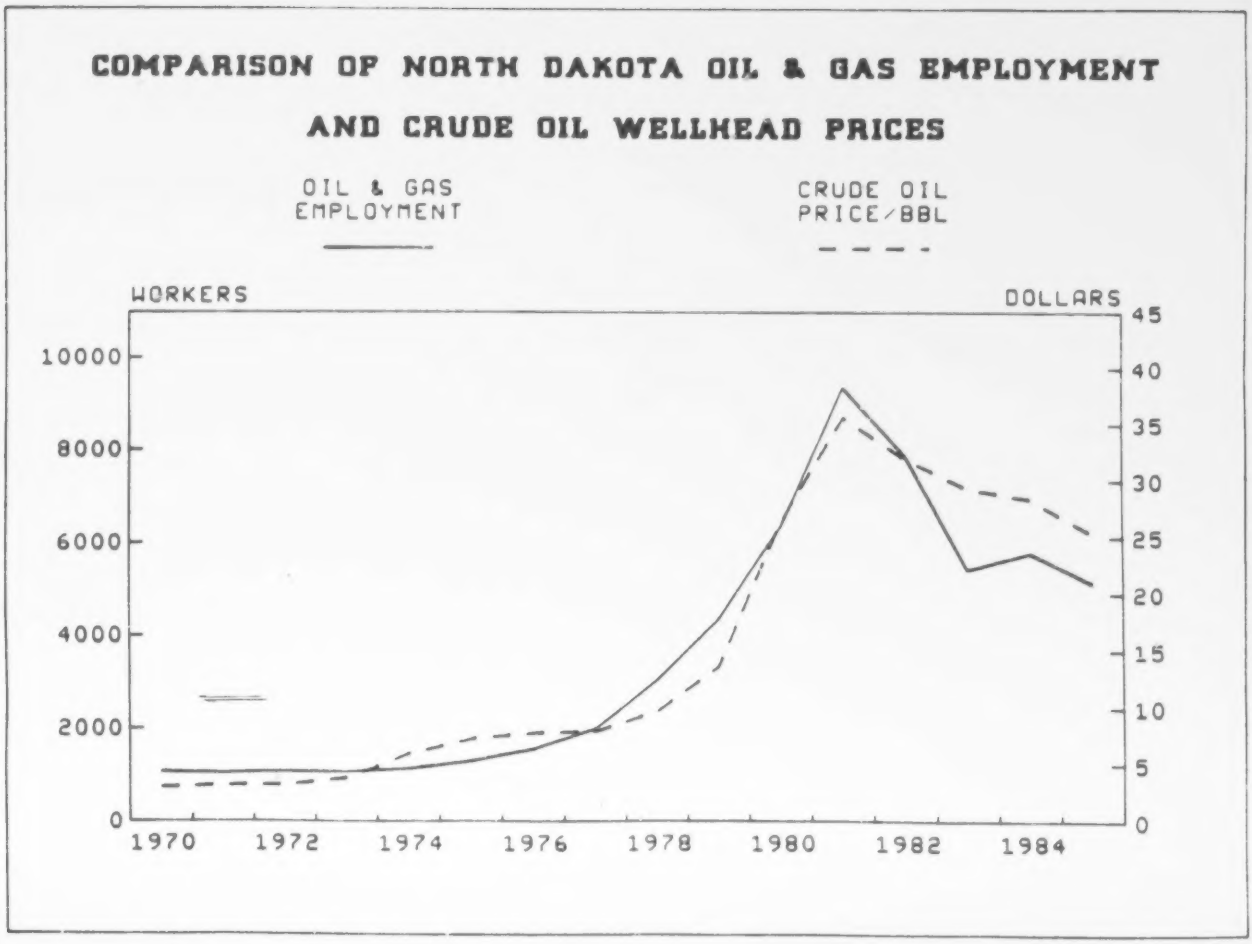

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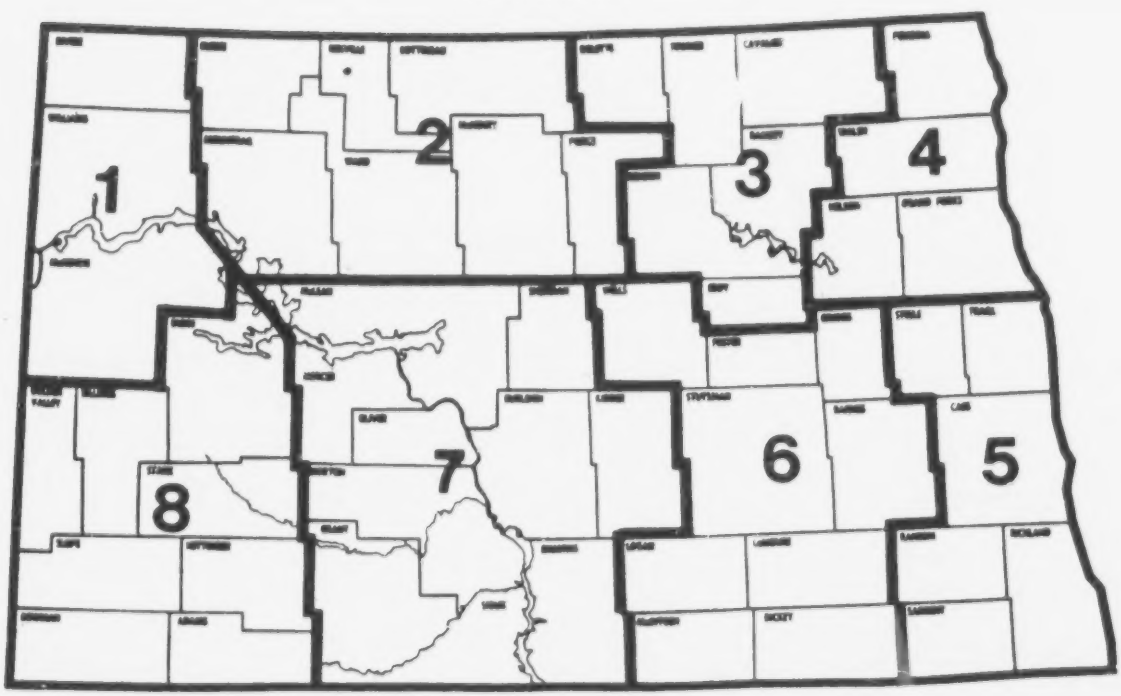

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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PETROLEUM EMPLOYMENT AND PRICES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Ever since North Dakota began producing oil in 1951, the oil industry has become an integral part of our state's economy. In 1970, the oil and gas extraction sector of the mining industry had an annual average employment of 1,080. That figure was nearly static through 1974. Then, the oil industry began a seven-year expansion, culminating with employment of 9,380 in 1981. Since 1981, oil and gas employment has dropped rapidly with an estimated 1986 annual average of 3,220. This is a drop of almost 6,200. This means that there are only about one-third the number of employees in the oil and gas industry as there were in 1981. A more dramatic comparison unfolds when you match the employment of September 1981 (10,190) with the employment of September 1986 (2,890). This is a decline of 7,300 or a decrease of 71.6 percent in five years.

The year 1981 was a good year for the oil industry nationwide and for North Dakota. In 1981, North Dakota set some all-time records, such as:

		1981	1985
1.	Seismic Exploration (Crew Months)	268	79
2.	Rotary Rigs Operating	119	39
3.	New-Field Wildcats Drilled	332	129
4.	Exploratory Wells Drilled	461	212
5.	Development Wells Drilled	417	273
6.	Total Wells Drilled	879	485

The effect of the decline of oil prices can be seen on the receipt of severance and production taxes. In 1983, North Dakota (the state and local governments) received $166,700,000, whereas by 1985 that figure had dropped to $136,200,000--a decline of 18.3 percent.

Another record for 1981 is the crude oil wellhead prices. In 1981, the price was $35.63 per barrel, but by 1985 this price had fallen to $25.32 per barrel--a decrease of $10.31 per barrel (a decline of 28.9 percent).

Not all the news has been bad though. From 1981 to 1984, cost of drilling and equipping wells has dropped from $118.77 per foot to $69.81 per foot. Despite the drop in petroleum prices, there has never been a better time to drill because of low drilling costs. It is estimated that 1985 data will show another decline of 5 percent. Based on the depth of an average well in North Dakota (8,836 feet in 1984), a company would save over $400,000 drilling at 1984 prices than at 1981 prices.

The second positive point was the fact that the number of producing crude oil wells and natural gas wells has continued to increase. Along with the number of producing wells, crude oil production and natural gas production have remained relatively stable or increased over the years.

Unfortunately, these few positive points are not very enlightening when you consider that the most current data available was from 1985, and the statistics do not mirror the 50 percent drop in crude oil prices that have occurred in 1986. Many of the above statistics will prove to be much worse for 1986.

The industry employment was obtained from internal data of Research and Statistics, Job Service North Dakota. Nearly all of the remaining information was obtained from a publication entitled, The Oil and Gas Producing Industry in Your State 1986-1987, published by the Independent Petroleum Association of America, Washington, D.C.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month Sept. 1986	Previous Month Aug. 1986	One Year Ago Sept. 1985	Percent Change From One Month Ago Aug. 1986	Percent Change From One Year Ago Sept. 1985
TOTAL	252,460	248,710	254,800	1.5%	-0.9%
MINING	4,590	4,690	7,000	-2.1%	-34.4%
Coal	1,200	1,210	1,340	-0.8%	-10.4%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,890	2,960	5,150	-2.4%	-43.9%
Other Mining	500	520	510	-3.8%	-2.0%
CONSTRUCTION	13,170	13,420	14,050	-1.9%	-6.3%
Building Construction	3,680	3,760	3,710	-2.1%	-0.8%
Street, Highway & Heavy	4,140	4,220	4,560	-1.9%	-9.2%
Special Trade Construction	5,350	5,440	5,780	-1.7%	-7.4%
MANUFACTURING	15,900	15,330	15,850	3.7%	0.3%
Durable Goods	6,330	6,460	6,540	-2.0%	-3.2%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	890	950	1,020	-6.3%	-12.7%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	650	670	650	-3.0%	0.0%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,700	3,740	3,850	-1.1%	-3.9%
Other Durable Goods	1,090	1,100	1,020	-0.9%	6.9%
Nondurable Goods	9,570	8,870	9,310	7.9%	2.8%
Food & Kindred Products	4,990	4,260	4,790	17.1%	4.2%
Dairy Products	860	930	900	-7.5%	-4.4%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,980	1,160	1,830	70.7%	8.2%
Bakery Products	410	420	450	-2.4%	-8.9%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,740	1,750	1,610	-0.6%	8.1%
Printing & Publishing	2,400	2,390	2,420	0.4%	-0.8%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,180	2,220	2,100	-1.8%	3.8%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,790	15,560	16,560	1.5%	-4.6%
Transportation	7,650	7,420	7,930	3.1%	-3.5%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,140	4,080	4,330	1.5%	-4.4%
Other Transportation	3,510	3,340	3,600	5.1%	-2.5%
Communications	3,340	3,290	3,500	1.5%	-4.6%
Public Utilities	4,800	4,850	5,130	-1.0%	-6.4%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month Sept. 1986	Previous Month Aug. 1986	One Year Ago Sept. 1985	Percent Change From One Month Ago Aug. 1986	Percent Change From One Year Ago Sept. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,580	19,760	19,840	-0.9%	-1.3%
Durable Goods	9,480	9,600	9,790	-1.3%	-3.2%
Nondurable Goods	10,100	10,160	10,050	-0.6%	0.5%
RETAIL TRADE	48,210	48,470	48,300	-0.5%	-0.2%
General Merchandise	5,870	5,900	6,040	-0.5%	-2.8%
Food Stores	6,760	6,710	6,610	0.7%	2.3%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,820	6,880	6,740	-0.9%	1.2%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,800	2,860	2,850	-2.1%	-1.8%
Other Retail	25,960	26,120	26,060	-0.6%	-0.4%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,600	12,730	12,510	-1.0%	0.7%
Finance	6,880	6,930	6,820	-0.7%	0.9%
Banking	4,270	4,320	4,340	-1.2%	-1.6%
Other Finance	2,610	2,610	2,480	0.0%	5.2%
Insurance	3,790	3,820	3,770	-0.8%	0.5%
Real Estate	1,930	1,980	1,920	-2.5%	0.5%
SERVICES	60,280	59,890	58,860	0.7%	2.4%
Lodging	4,280	4,280	4,450	0.0%	-3.8%
Nursing & Personal Care	6,480	6,490	6,290	-0.2%	3.0%
Hospitals	12,350	12,390	12,350	-0.3%	0.0%
Other Medical	6,670	6,680	6,330	-0.1%	5.4%
Other Services	30,500	30,050	29,440	1.5%	3.6%
GOVERNMENT	62,340	58,860	61,830	5.9%	0.8%
Federal	9,650	9,640	9,580	0.1%	0.7%
State Government	17,920	16,910	17,870	6.0%	0.3%
Educational Services	10,970	9,580	10,900	14.5%	0.6%
Other State Government	6,950	7,330	6,970	-5.2%	-0.3%
Local Government	34,770	32,310	34,380	7.6%	1.1%
Educational Services	16,690	12,990	16,310	28.5%	2.3%
Other Local Government	18,080	19,320	18,070	-6.4%	0.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month Sept. 1986	Previous Month Aug. 1986	One Year Ago Sept. 1985	Percent Change From: One Month Ago Aug. 1986	Percent Change From: One Year Ago Sept. 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	67,960	65,930	66,910	3.1%	1.6%
Mining & Construction	3,790	3,860	3,980	-1.8%	-4.8%
Manufacturing	4,970	4,880	4,950	1.8%	0.4%
Durable Goods	1,850	1,980	1,980	-6.6%	-6.6%
Nondurable Goods	3,120	2,900	2,970	7.6%	5.1%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,000	3,840	4,050	4.2%	-1.2%
Trade	20,760	20,540	20,330	1.1%	2.1%
Wholesale Trade	6,750	6,790	6,710	-0.6%	0.6%
Retail Trade	14,010	13,750	13,620	1.9%	2.9%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,430	4,470	4,280	-0.9%	3.5%
Services	17,370	17,320	16,890	0.3%	2.8%
Government	12,640	11,020	12,430	14.7%	1.7%
Federal	2,160	2,140	2,110	0.9%	2.4%
State & Local	10,480	8,880	10,320	18.0%	1.6%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,630	27,800	27,760	3.0%	3.1%
Mining & Construction	1,930	2,020	1,780	-4.5%	8.4%
Manufacturing	1,490	1,280	1,380	16.4%	8.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,460	1,390	1,510	5.0%	-3.3%
Trade	8,120	8,010	8,120	1.4%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,410	1,400	1,400	0.7%	0.7%
Retail Trade	6,710	6,610	6,720	1.5%	-0.1%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,110	1,070	-1.8%	1.9%
Services	6,350	6,260	6,080	1.4%	4.4%
Government	8,190	7,730	7,820	6.0%	4.7%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,460	36,250	36,540	0.6%	-0.2%
Mining	200	200	210	0.0%	-4.8%
Construction	1,660	1,670	1,910	-0.6%	-13.1%
Manufacturing	1,980	2,010	1,990	-1.5%	-0.5%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,690	2,680	2,900	0.4%	-7.2%
Trade	9,670	9,810	9,770	-1.4%	-1.0%
Wholesale	2,310	2,350	2,380	-1.7%	-2.9%
Retail	7,360	7,460	7,390	-1.3%	-0.4%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,720	1,720	1,700	0.0%	1.2%
Services	10,360	10,160	10,090	2.0%	2.7%
Government	8,180	8,000	7,970	2.3%	2.6%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Sept. 1986	Previous Month Aug. 1986	One Year Ago Sept. 1985	Percent Change From Aug. 1986	Percent Change From Sept. 1985
All Items	322.2	330.2	328.6	324.5	0.5	1.8
Food & Beverage	302.0	315.1	314.6	302.1	0.2	4.3
Housing	349.9	363.7	362.4	353.8	0.4	2.8
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	212.1	207.0	209.6	2.5	1.2
Transportation	319.9	302.2	301.3	319.7	0.3	-5.5
Medical Care	403.1	439.7	437.5	408.3	0.5	7.7
Entertainment	265.0	275.3	274.7	266.8	0.2	3.2

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Sept. 1986	Previous Month Aug. 1986	One Year Ago Sept. 1985	Percent Change From Aug. 1986	Percent Change From Sept. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	297.7	297.2	305.5	0.2	-2.6
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	254.6	256.2	240.9	-0.6	5.7
Industrial Commodities	323.9	308.8	307.7	322.3	0.4	-4.2

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	399.75	393.57	389.64	41.0	40.7	40.8	9.75	9.67	9.55
Durable Goods	428.48	421.06	420.21	41.6	41.2	41.4	10.30	10.22	10.15
Nondurable Goods	360.10	357.20	348.00	40.1	40.0	40.0	8.98	8.93	8.70
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	319.71	311.98	313.86	38.8	38.0	38.7	8.24	8.21	8.11
Durable Goods	345.72	331.50	333.04	40.2	39.0	39.6	8.60	8.50	8.41
Nondurable Goods	303.62	298.40	300.61	38.0	37.3	38.1	7.99	8.00	7.89
Food & Kindred	314.55	316.47	318.77	38.5	37.9	40.3	8.17	8.35	7.91
Printing & Publishing	280.31	275.37	284.93	32.9	32.9	33.6	8.52	8.37	8.48
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	321.41	309.04	324.94	38.4	36.4	38.5	8.37	8.49	8.44
Durable Goods	323.44	293.59	328.38	39.3	35.5	39.0	8.23	8.27	8.42
Nondurable Goods	321.10	318.45	322.79	38.0	36.9	38.2	8.45	8.63	8.45

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1985
Divide	1,704	1,923	1,821	1,631	1,830	1,781	73	93	40	4.3	4.8	2.2
McKenzie	3,771	4,141	4,082	3,531	3,837	3,954	240	304	128	6.4	7.3	3.1
Williams	13,526	14,409	14,534	11,791	12,467	13,677	1,735	1,942	857	12.8	13.5	5.9
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,001	20,473	20,437	16,953	18,134	19,412	2,048	2,339	1,025	10.8	11.4	5.0
Bottineau	3,933	4,243	4,300	3,710	3,998	4,078	223	245	222	5.7	5.8	5.2
Burke	1,700	1,823	1,777	1,573	1,662	1,695	127	161	82	7.5	8.8	4.6
McHenry	3,178	3,521	3,255	2,890	3,165	3,011	288	356	244	9.1	10.1	7.5
Mountrail	3,872	4,153	3,575	3,542	3,774	3,378	330	379	197	8.5	9.1	5.5
Pierce	2,722	3,027	2,854	2,633	2,926	2,758	89	101	96	3.3	3.3	3.4
Renville	1,594	1,784	1,611	1,475	1,657	1,539	119	127	72	7.5	7.1	4.5
Ward	25,691	26,771	26,250	24,310	25,326	24,858	1,381	1,445	1,392	5.4	5.4	5.3
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,690	45,322	43,622	40,133	42,508	41,317	2,557	2,814	2,305	6.0	6.2	5.3
Benson	3,599	3,888	3,609	3,394	3,605	3,380	205	283	229	5.7	7.3	6.3
Cavalier	2,951	3,237	3,136	2,865	3,125	3,037	86	112	99	2.9	3.5	3.2
Eddy	1,610	1,804	1,656	1,537	1,716	1,567	73	88	89	4.5	4.9	5.4
Ramsey	6,646	7,076	6,691	6,437	6,857	6,407	209	219	284	3.1	3.1	4.2
Rolette	5,411	5,693	5,310	4,829	4,954	4,852	582	739	458	10.8	13.0	8.6
Towner	1,874	2,028	2,013	1,847	1,986	1,976	27	42	37	1.4	2.1	1.8
REGION 3 TOTAL	22,091	23,726	22,415	20,909	22,243	21,219	1,182	1,483	1,196	5.4	6.3	5.3
Grand Forks	34,499	35,082	34,335	33,584	33,635	33,427	915	1,447	908	2.7	4.1	2.6
Nelson	2,242	2,459	2,331	2,186	2,368	2,254	56	91	77	2.5	3.7	3.3
Pembina	5,684	6,024	5,924	5,376	5,568	5,660	308	456	264	5.4	7.6	4.5
Walsh	8,725	9,202	8,889	8,442	8,741	8,569	283	461	320	3.2	5.0	3.6
REGION 4 TOTAL	51,150	52,767	51,479	49,588	50,312	49,910	1,562	2,455	1,569	3.1	4.7	3.0
Cass	54,781	55,099	55,143	53,132	53,285	53,518	1,649	1,814	1,625	3.0	3.3	2.9
Ransom	2,973	3,219	2,965	2,923	3,154	2,886	50	65	79	1.7	2.0	2.7
Richland	8,996	9,530	8,971	8,676	9,117	8,531	320	413	440	3.6	4.3	4.9
Sargent	2,752	3,050	2,858	2,650	2,916	2,775	102	134	83	3.7	4.4	2.9
Steele	1,387	1,614	1,505	1,349	1,565	1,465	38	49	40	2.7	3.0	2.7
Traill	4,956	5,083	4,925	4,824	4,837	4,733	132	246	192	2.7	4.8	3.9
REGION 5 TOTAL	75,845	77,595	76,367	73,554	74,874	73,908	2,291	2,721	2,459	3.0	3.5	3.2

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1985
Barnes	6,324	6,679	6,510	6,147	6,480	6,290	177	199	220	2.8	3.0	3.4
Dickey	3,700	4,001	3,832	3,630	3,908	3,699	70	93	133	1.9	2.3	3.5
Foster	2,361	2,557	2,410	2,251	2,447	2,347	110	110	63	4.7	4.3	2.6
Griggs	1,724	1,932	1,751	1,687	1,886	1,689	37	46	62	2.1	2.4	3.5
La Moure	2,802	3,096	2,927	2,741	3,007	2,858	61	89	69	2.2	2.9	2.4
Logan	1,729	1,964	1,731	1,660	1,898	1,665	69	66	66	4.0	3.4	3.8
McIntosh	2,506	2,809	2,597	2,429	2,743	2,534	77	66	63	3.1	2.3	2.4
Stutsman	1?,940	13,506	13,132	12,384	12,951	12,646	556	555	486	4.3	4.1	3.7
Wells	3,236	3,534	3,374	3,116	3,400	3,221	120	134	153	3.7	3.8	4.5
REGION 6 TOTAL	37,322	40,078	38,264	36,045	38,720	36,949	1,277	1,358	1,315	3.4	3.4	3.4
Burleigh	30,738	32,058	31,378	28,940	30,149	29,663	1,798	1,909	1,715	5.8	6.0	5.5
Emmons	2,578	2,879	2,676	2,453	2,748	2,572	125	131	104	4.8	4.6	3.9
Grant	2,328	2,732	2,446	2,213	2,594	2,328	115	138	118	4.9	5.1	4.8
Kidder	1,852	2,121	1,816	1,722	1,952	1,729	130	169	87	7.0	8.0	4.8
McLean	4,941	5,338	5,339	4,593	4,913	4,989	348	425	350	7.0	8.0	6.6
Mercer	5,498	6,042	6,984	4,987	5,431	6,369	511	611	615	9.3	10.1	8.8
Morton	13,730	14,389	14,233	13,004	13,549	13,329	726	840	904	5.3	5.8	6.4
Oliver	1,449	1,611	1,235	1,373	1,520	1,142	76	91	93	5.2	5.6	7.5
Sheridan	1,510	1,787	1,474	1,449	1,686	1,426	61	101	48	4.0	5.7	3.3
Sioux	1,452	1,536	1,365	1,331	1,303	1,256	121	233	109	8.3	15.2	8.0
REGION 7 TOTAL	66,076	70,493	68,946	62,065	65,845	64,803	4,011	4,648	4,143	6.1	6.6	6.0
Adams	1,953	2,123	1,966	1,875	2,045	1,919	78	78	47	4.0	3.7	2.4
Billings	1,167	1,284	1,001	1,132	1,254	986	35	30	15	3.0	2.3	1.5
Bowman	2,472	2,748	2,593	2,301	2,559	2,500	171	189	93	6.9	6.9	3.6
Dunn	2,240	2,540	2,332	2,093	2,375	?,196	147	165	136	6.6	6.5	5.8
Golden Valley	1,154	1,268	1,253	1,107	1,219	1,201	47	49	52	4.1	3.9	4.2
Hettinger	2,272	2,592	2,335	2,158	2,445	2,282	114	147	53	5.0	5.7	2.3
Slope	607	751	650	552	697	619	55	54	31	9.1	7.2	4.8
Stark	12,696	13,487	13,185	11,495	12,297	12,376	1,201	1,190	809	9.5	8.8	6.1
REGION 8 TOTAL	24,561	26,793	25,315	22,713	24,891	24,079	1,848	1,902	1,236	7.5	7.1	4.9
STATE TOTAL	338,736	357,247	346,845	321,960	337,527	331,597	16,776	19,720	15,248	5.0	5.5	4.4

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Sept. 1986	Previous Month Aug. 1986	One Year Ago Sept. 1985	Percent Change From Aug. 1986	Percent Change From Sept. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	119,936	119,879	117,522	-0-	2.1
Employment	111,607	111,852	109,251	-0.2	2.2
Unemployment	8,329	8,027	8,271	3.8	0.7
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.7%	7.0%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	338,740	357,250	346,850	-5.2	-2.3
Employment	321,960	337,530	331,600	-4.6	-2.9
Unemployment	16,780	19,720	15,250	-14.9	10.0
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	5.5%	4.4%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	81,580	81,630	81,660	-0.1	-0.1
Employment	79,220	78,950	79,060	0.3	0.2
Unemployment	2,360	2,680	2,600	-11.9	-9.2
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.3%	3.2%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	34,500	35,040	34,340	-1.5	0.5
Employment	33,580	33,590	33,430	-0-	0.4
Unemployment	920	1,450	910	-36.6	1.1
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	4.1%	2.6%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,460	46,450	45,610	-4.3	-2.5
Employment	41,940	43,700	42,990	-4.0	-2.4
Unemployment	2,520	2,750	2,620	-8.4	-3.8
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.9%	5.7%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
AUG. 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	357.2	359.9	2,253.9	410.5
Employment	337.5	345.3	2,156.4	383.9
Unemployment	19.7	14.6	97.5	26.6
Unemployment Rate	5.5	4.1	4.3	6.5

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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